



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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## SUPPLY

- A decline in demand contributed to a slight increase in stocks last week, despite reduced production levels. Total motor gasoline stocks increased 0.5 million barrels to end the week at 199.3 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were up 1.7 million barrels to 38.0 million barrels while stocks of other finished gasoline fell 1.7 million barrels to 115.8 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 44.7 million barrels, 0.3 million barrels above the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 22.3 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 503 thousand barrels per day of which 137 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 226 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

### Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/19/99	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/19/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,070	1,014	1,168	1,132	983	635	627	649	655	519
Midwest (PADD II)	1,858	1,812	1,841	1,821	1,688	271	298	298	286	308
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,441	3,435	3,486	3,409	3,507	604	645	534	615	648
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	254	283	287	262	250	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,205	1,293	1,438	1,427	1,259	862	853	973	936	907
U.S. Total	7,830	7,839	8,220	8,051	7,686	2,372	2,423	2,454	2,492	2,382

### Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/17/99	02/25/00	03/03/00	03/10/00	03/17/00	03/17/99
East Coast (PADD I)	51.9	53.6	52.7	54.9	64.3	16.6	18.6	16.4	17.9	21.1
Midwest (PADD II)	55.0	56.7	55.8	53.5	57.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	55.7	55.9	56.5	57.6	65.5	8.1	8.2	8.7	9.3	10.4
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	8.0	8.0	7.7	7.5	7.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	25.9	26.8	26.1	25.7	26.8	9.1	9.4	9.8	9.6	10.4
U.S. Total	196.5	201.0	198.8	199.3	221.6	35.4	37.7	36.3	38.0	42.6

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## PRICES

- Convinced that OPEC is likely to yield to international pressure and increase output following the March 27 ministerial meeting, traders allowed crude oil spot prices to plunge in the last week. In the Midwest, gasoline supplies eased with the successful restoration of movements on the Explorer Pipeline that transports Gulf Coast product to Chicago and the restart of a refinery in Illinois. Conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor ended down over 13 cents at 80.50 cents per gallon on March 20, 2000. Prices on the West Coast replicated trends in the East to some extent and were further impacted by the restart of units at two refineries.
- The steady uphill march in the average U.S. retail gasoline price since mid-January slowed to 0.2 cent this week and closed at 152.9 cents per gallon on March 20, 2000, 51.2 cents higher than last year. Survey data for California, which dates back to the end of 1994, indicate that another record high of 179.3 cents per gallon was established this week.

### Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/22/99	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/22/99
New York	93.45	95.38	93.63	<b>80.50</b>	44.60	91.20	91.59	94.00	<b>83.50</b>	45.20
Chicago	89.63	91.38	86.00	<b>79.00</b>	48.28	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	89.58	94.05	89.75	<b>77.00</b>	44.48	89.75	94.75	98.50	<b>87.00</b>	46.05
Los Angeles	109.00	120.00	131.00	<b>95.00</b>	73.00	112.00	123.00	134.00	<b>98.00</b>	80.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/22/99	02/28/00	03/06/00	03/13/00	03/20/00	03/22/99
East Coast (PADD I)	138.0	146.0	149.9	<b>150.0</b>	95.2	140.0	148.4	153.4	<b>154.4</b>	98.5
Midwest (PADD II)	144.6	151.7	151.1	<b>148.4</b>	101.4	147.5	155.2	152.0	<b>149.1</b>	108.2
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	137.0	146.3	148.0	<b>147.8</b>	95.0	131.5	140.5	144.1	<b>149.1</b>	93.8
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	139.2	145.2	151.2	<b>155.4</b>	104.4	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	146.7	152.4	158.6	<b>165.0</b>	112.9	151.2	162.6	173.1	<b>178.6</b>	122.4
U.S. Average	141.4	148.9	150.8	<b>150.2</b>	99.5	143.8	152.9	157.4	<b>159.2</b>	106.7

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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